Supporting Water Management Project Implementation
CALFED Roles and Responsibilities

Common Needs

CALFED is committed to implementing the actions specified in the ROD using a regional approach. Several individual water management project investigations are currently underway. While each of the project investigations address unique purpose and needs, involve different sets on local partners and interests, and are proceeding under distinct timelines, all of these efforts share some common requirements such as:

- Completing feasibility studies
- Tiering from CALFED programmatic environmental documentation to project-specific environmental documentation
- Conducting alternative analyses to comply with CEQA, NEPA, and Clean Water Act Section 404 requirements

To complete the environmental documentation and permitting process each project team must:

- Represent and evaluate a no action alternative
- Characterize likely impacts of the proposed project
- Assess cumulative impacts of proposed project with other expected projects

Ways to Help

A CALFED "Implementation Support Team" can help individual project teams move toward implementation by providing the following:

- A set of common assumptions and an approach for modeling a no action alternative that all project investigations can use
- A set of common assumptions and an approach for modeling cumulative impacts for all CALFED water supply actions
- A set of common assumptions and an approach for the analyses needed to satisfy 404 permitting requirements
- Recommendations of performance measures and analytical tools for predicting how projects will contribute towards meeting overall CALFED Program objectives
- A library for most recent data, model results, and analytical tools

This CALFED Implementation Support Team can also help project decision-makers by providing a team to address:

- Other issues affecting multiple projects that may arise
- Methods to resolve potential conflicts between project teams
- Coordinate with BDPAC and CALFED Management Group and Policy Group to improve communication with project teams